

EFFORTS NEWSLETTER nr. 7
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members and sympathisers,



What a ride it was. This European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, now coming to a close (but its message will be heard over the next years), was also the first fully operational year of EFFORTS.

As the newly confirmed President of EFFORTS, with our new Board, I am proud that in this year we grew from an aspiring group of professionals to an official European association of more than 40 representations of Europe's fortified heritage. EFFORTS is now being recognized as the European **professional association of walled towns and fortification sites**. We spoke at congresses in Croatia, France, Germany, Belgium, Montenegro and the Netherlands. We met with Members of the European Parliament, Commission and Committee of the Regions, we created the European Fortress Day, the EFFORTS Award, presented the **EFFORTS Venice Declaration** on the post-2018 EU policy period on military built heritage, organized a well-attended and interesting Annual General Meeting and **Congress at Forte Marghera in Venice** and organized our European Liaison office in Brussels, at 200 meters from the European Parliament.

For all of this I wish to express my warmest thanks to all of you who worked and volunteered to put our priorities to the forefront of European policy.

And we continue in **2019, with the second edition of European Fortress Day** and its goal to reach 100 participants. Come and join us !

Next year we are also increase our national memberships and tighten our international and partnerships, meeting for instance in January with the International Fortress Council. Part of that meeting will also be the first meeting of the newly set up EFFORTS working party, the **EFFORTS European Funding Professionals Network**. We learned that it is important to join in a network our member's 'European funds specialists'. Through the EFPN, we can communicated on an immediate basis and directly on European choices, chances and change.

Finally, we can note 23 May 2019 in your agendas as the date of the next **Board meeting**. This time I am happy to host it in the city of Bergen op Zoom. Soon we will inform you on the venue of the next **EFFORTS Congress** in the fall.

After all this work, Christmas is a time for reflection and joy. A time to spend with family and friends. I therefore wish you the best of holidays and will be happy to see you in the New Year !

Frank Petter

Mayor of Bergen-op-Zoom, Netherlands

President of EFFORTS

EFFORTS ANNUAL CONGRESS and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

One year after the first meeting in Spandau, Germany, EFFORTS' AGM and Annual Congress were hosted by Forte Marghera in Venice, Italy. Introduced by the representants of the Venice city and regional authorities, by messages of Silvia Costa, Member of the European Parliament and Ádám Karácsony, Member of the Committee of the Regions - both rapporteurs on the new cultural programmes of the European Commission, together with a message of support by Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović, Europa Nostra secretary-general, the Congress focused on expert feed-in into the draft EFFORTS Venice Declaration (see below). The Congress participants visited also the newly set up EFFORTS European Knowledge Center on Fortifications at the Forte Marghera site. EFFORTS will work with its members and with the International Fortress Council on how to roll out a European network for this Center.



For all presentations and a photo impression of the EFFORTS Congress, please consult the EFFORTS website www.efforts-europe.eu/annual-congress/



PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN 2019 AND WORK WITH US !

Or we hope you will continue to work with us, putting Fortified Heritage high on the European agenda, and renew your **EFFORTS membership in 2019** :

-All members will receive for this soon their invoice for payment.

-If you want to become EFFORTS member, apply via the website : <http://www.efforts-europe.eu/membership/> and pay your fee, or contact the EFFORTS secretariat (see below).

EFFORTS DECLARATION OF VENICE : Six Proposals on the Future of Fortification Heritage in Europe

*“We, members and interested stakeholders of fortified heritage in Europe, believe that, at the end of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, fortified heritage offers an opportunity to make a **positive contribution to several EU priorities and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**. The following seven propositions highlight the **potential of this specific type of heritage in Europe and European programmes**. They demonstrate how to preserve European military architecture through active involvement of all stakeholders. The importance of fortification heritage places it next to religious buildings, industry, historic houses and all other built and architectural European heritage.”*

Such is the introduction of the EFFORTS Declaration, developing **6 action points** for the attention of the European institutions and prepared by a 's Hertogenbosch – led working party :

1. Understanding fortified heritage increases European unity
2. Fortifications offer educational and economic opportunities
3. Adapting fortification use is combating climate change
4. Fortified sites provide sites for employment and social development
5. Fortified heritage improves access to culture and quality of life
6. Fortifications are smart actors of urban and landscape development

The six EFFORTS propositions emphasize the awareness of the great cultural educational, research, social, environmental and economic-tourism assets of European fortified heritage. They are the conclusions of the annual **EFFORTS congress ‘From stronghold to welcoming arms’ in Venice**, 8-9 November 2018. With Europa Nostra in its Berlin Call to Action, that has been co-signed by EFFORTS, we state that a European *“Action Plan, mentioned in the New European Agenda for Culture recently adopted by the European Commission, must be prepared and implemented with full involvement and engagement of all public and private stakeholders, including civil society. This future Action Plan must be interconnected with other key EU policy agendas and priorities”*.

The resumé document of the EFFORTS AGM and Congress is consultable on www.efforts-europe.eu/annual-congress/ . See also (in Dutch) the newsletter (‘Nieuws’) of our partner Stichting Liniebreed Ondernemen on the SLO website.



Peter Ros, EFFORTS Vice-president, shows at the Congress the added value of EFFORTS.



European Commissioner for Culture and author of the post-2018 European Action Plan for Cultural Heritage Tibor Navracsics and European Parliament and Committee of the Regions Members and rapporteurs on the new Creative Europe programme, respectively Silvia Costa and Ádám Karácsony, support EFFORTS' Declaration of Venice, highlighting a support for the Commission's Action Plan and the importance of a modern military built heritage policy in Europe. In the name of the EFFORTS, its President and Board, EFFORTS EU Liaison Rafaël Deroo presented in Brussels the Declaration text to all three members of the European institutions. This way, EFFORTS wants to ensure its engagement in the future of EU policy on built military heritage.

You can download a copy of the Declaration of Venice at www.efforts-europe.eu/annual-congress/

2019 SEPTEMBER : the *second* EFFORTS EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAY



We were 69 fortresses in 9 European countries doing the first EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAY 2018 ! In 2019 we are going for 100 sites ! All present at the Congress in Venice pledged to participate in the new version of the European Fortress Day. Thanks to our member Stichting Liniebreed Ondernemen, co-organisator of the European Fortress Day, the presentation on our achievements became a small happening, buttoned up with the presentation of the first EFFORTS Award to Đurđa Vrljević Šarić, for the innovative participation in the European Fortress Day of the Šibenik fortresses in Croatia.

DISCOVER THE FORTS IN EUROPE

THE NETHERLANDS

- Forts and waterlines: 40 locations (8 September)
- Fortress Den Bosch (8 September)
- Fortress Bergen op Zoom (8 + 9 September)
- Ons Fort Venlo in Limburg (29 September)

BELGIUM

- Fortress belt of Antwerp: 6 fortresses (9 September)

ITALY

- Forte Marghera Venice (22 September)

CROATIA

- Klis Fortress (20 September)
- Šibenik: fortresses Barones and St. Michaels (21+22 September)
- Nin: Church of St. Nicholas (23 September)

GERMANY

- Zitadella Spandau Berlin (8 + 9 September)

FRANCE

- Vauban: 14 fortifications (15 + 16 September)

SERBIA

- Petrovaradin Fortress (29 September)

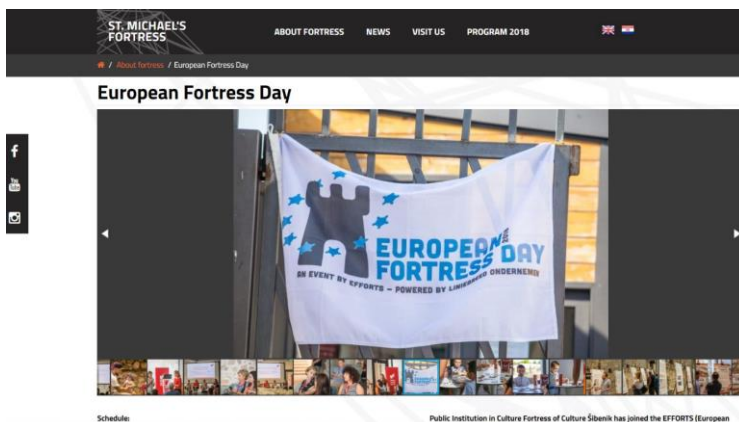
CZECH REPUBLIC

- Terezin Fortress (8 September)

LITHUANIA

- Fortress Kaunas (1, 8 en 22 September)

WWW.EUROPEANFORTRESSDAY.EU



EFFORTS, the European Federation of Fortified Sites, together with the Dutch foundation *Stichting Liniebreed Ondernemen* (SLO) has created, together with 60 fortresses, fortified sites and defence lines across 12 European countries, this new event and its first edition last September 2018.

2018, the European Year of Cultural Heritage, was at the basis of this initiative that wants to show this great pan-European heritage to all citizens. This means that we are - for now - coupling European Fortress Day (EFD) to the European Heritage Days. EFD is more a 'Days', since not all countries organize their Heritage Day at the same Day in September. This way your European Fortress Day action will be easier to catch in your city or region.

If you need information or want to **participate in 2019**, please contact : info@efforts-europe.eu

SLO members contact juke@liniebreed.nl

<https://www.liniebreed.nl/nieuws/european-fortress-day>

www.europeanfortressday.eu

www.forten.nl

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EFFORTS : a new BOARD

At the Annual General Meeting in Venice, the new board was elected. Hereby the new board members and their tasks and responsibilities :

- Frank Petter (Bergen op Zoom, NL): President, responsible for Operations
- Peter Ros (NL) : Vice-president, responsible for Funding (EFPN) and Membership
- Stefano Mondini (Forte Marghera, IT): Treasurer
- Huib van Olden ('s Hertogenbosch, NL) : Secretary of the Board, responsible for Governance and Nominations, Communication and EFD/Award
- Tuija Lind (Suomenlinna, FIN): responsible for Science
- Valdas Rakutis (Kaunas Museum Fortress, LT): responsible for EU Regional cooperation
- Daniele Sferra (ISAM, IT) : responsible for International cooperation
- Karen Gysen (Simon Steven Stichting, BE) : Membership, with Peter Ros and Science, with Tuija

Associate board member : Erika Farkas (HU) : responsible for Communication, with Huib van Olden.

The EFFORTS Board will convene two times in 2019 : on 23 May in Bergen op Zoom (Netherlands) and before the AGM in October / November. Subjects and requests for input in each meeting will be communicated on due time.



The new elected Board at work at the AGM : from left ot right : Tuija Lind, Stefano Mondino, Daniele Sferra, Peter Ros, Frank Petter, Huib van Olden and Karen Gysen. Missing in this photo are Valdas Rakutis and Erika Farkas.

EFFORTSnapshot : Andrea Bonifacio



Andrea Bonifacio is a Venice based expert in Economics and Management of Arts and Culture. After a long time working as a financial consultant specialized in SME sector, he was involved in the development process of the reuse of Forte Marghera (Venice) and has been many years operating in international cooperation and in projects funded by EU programmes, mostly focused on management and development arts and heritage. He oversaw the creation of cultural activities (music, books, theater, art exhibitions, workshops), establishing links with institutions and culture representatives in Europe and beyond. He was in charge of the EFFORTS treasury in 2018 and of the relations between EFFORTS and Forte Marghera Foundation. The Foundation is the organization managing the fortress, where in two newly refurbished buildings the EFFORTS European Knowledge Center basis was created. This new center is at the disposal of local and international partners. Andrea stays active in EFFORTS, but is replaced as EFFORTS treasurer by his colleague and Forte Marghera director, Stefano Mondini, host, together with Andrea, of the EFFORTS 2018 Congress (see above).

Next EFFORTSnapshot : Đurđa Vrljević Šarić.

EFFORTS at Future of Religious heritage bi-annual congress at UNESCO, Paris, France

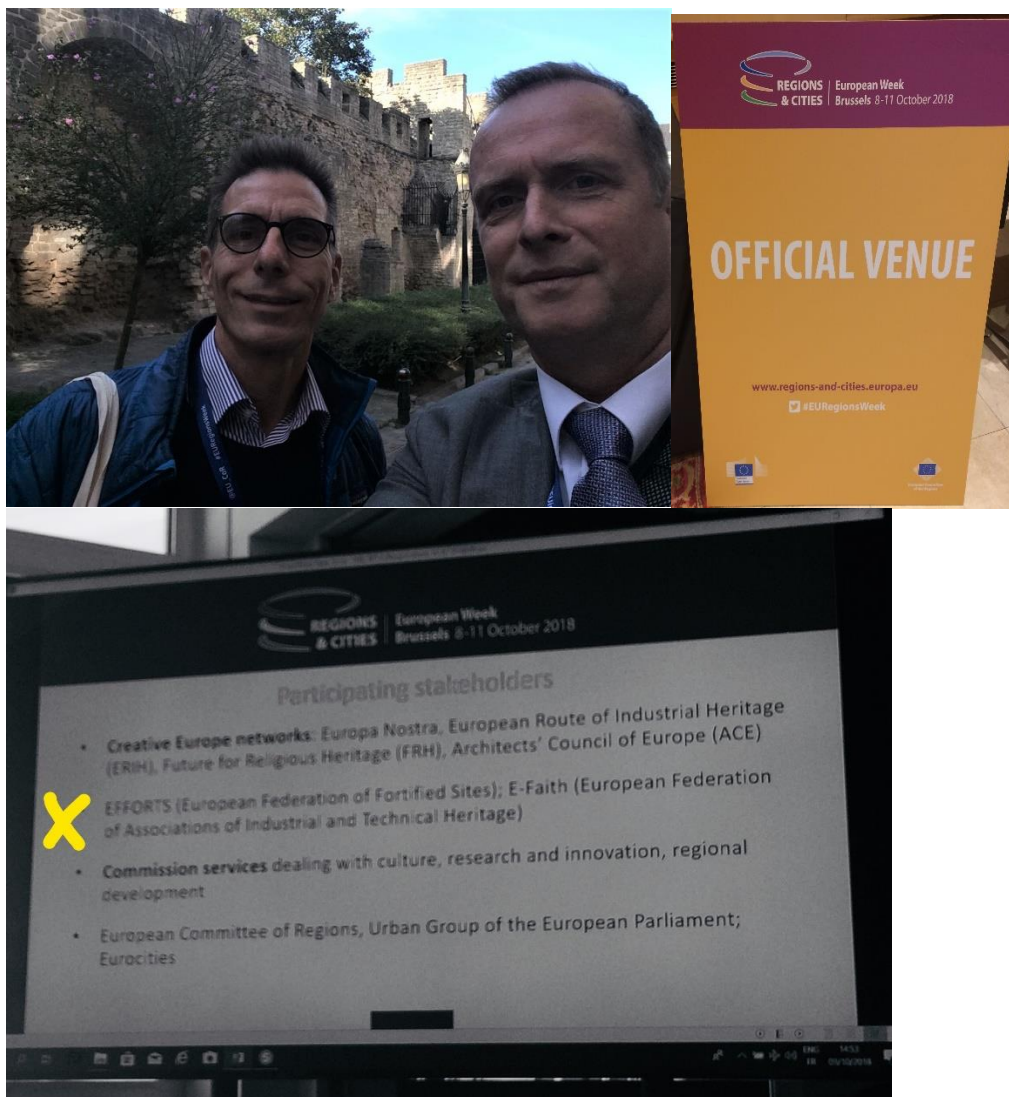
EFFORTS EU-Liaison Rafaël Deroo was invited to speak on **Difficult heritage**, and discuss this with other European built and landscape heritage representatives, on 11 October at the European Network 'Future for Religious Heritage' conference at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.



Photo by Joop Koopmanschap. From left to right : representatives at the FRH conference of Civilscape, the European Commission, Europa Nostra, EFFORTS and eFAITH (Industrial Heritage). More info and the FRH congress programme and presentations on www.frh-europe.eu.

EFFORTS at the Committee of the Regions OPEN DAYS, 9 October, Brussels

An EFFORTS delegation participated in two workshops organized respectively by the Spanish EU representation in Brussels and the European Commission. The latter's subject was **Adaptive Reuse of built heritage ("Quality in EU built heritage and architectural projects")**. The other was on the role and challenge of cultural heritage in the EU of tomorrow.



EFFORTS as European Commission stakeholder and maybe future European Network ? The EFFORTS delegation (H. Crijns and R. Deroo) at a venue of the Brussels walls.

EFFORTS at Architect Council of Europe (ACE) congress on 23 November in Leeuwarden, Netherlands

On 23 November, the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) organised in Leeuwarden a conference on the **Adaptive Re-Use and Transition of the Built Heritage**. This event took place in the framework of the EYCH and related in particular to the Initiative 4 on "Heritage in Transition". On the invitation of DG Culture, the European Network ACE organised on this occasion a panel discussion in order to take stock of the lessons learned over the EYCH on the "adaptive re-use" theme. EFFORTS representative and European heritage expert Huibert Crijns was invited to speak at the panel, together with colleague European associations.



« We were very pleased to have for this session representatives from several members of the Heritage Alliance 3.3, namely the European Federation of Fortified Sites (EFFORTS), Europa Nostra, Future for Religious Heritage (FRH) and the European Route of Industrial Heritage (ERIH) », said Peter Obajtek, from the ACE representation in Brussels (see photo).

On this occasion, a Declaration entitled « **Preserving and Enhancing the Values of our Built Heritage for Future Generations** » was presented. It recalls the multiple benefits of re-using our built heritage and highlights some good practices in terms of processes and design approach. Consult the text on : https://www.ace-cae.eu/services/news/?tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=1730&cHash=cc8d4ddb8317071c0554741963f2763b

Atlantikwall Europe Start Event, 28 November in Raversyde, Belgium

EFFORTS partner and EU Creative Europe project 'Atlantikwall Europe', working on the establishment of cultural relevant network on the defence line that is the Atlantic Wall in Europe, organized its Start Conference at the Atlantikwall Museum in Raversyde near Oostende. EFFORTS supports and cooperates on the reflection, together with its other partners hosting European defence lines, on a European roll-out of a defence line cooperation. To be continued. All presentations and more : <https://www.raversyde.be/nl/creative-europe-project-atlantikwall-europe>

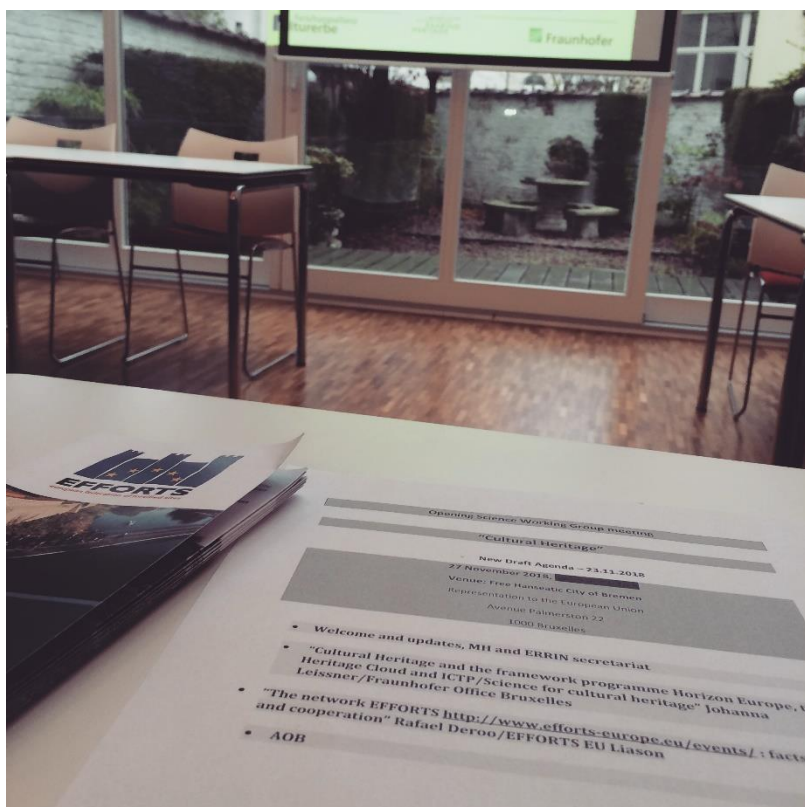


EFFORTS at EUROPEAN REGIONS RESEARCH and INNOVATION (Brussels representatives) NETWORK (ERRIN) Open Science working group, 27 November, Brussels, Belgium



ERRIN European Regions Research and Innovation Network

After a preliminary meeting between ERRIN's and EFFORTS Brussels liaisons, ERRIN informed its members at its 11 September 2018 Opening Science and its 16 September Experience Economy working groups dealing with Creative industries, on EFFORTS activities and interests, that is: the EFFORTS annual congress, the Walls&Peace Brussels start event of Atlantikwall Europe and EFFORTS and the EFFORTS continuous partnership search between regions in fortified heritage sectors. For this, the EFFORTS Brussels representative was invited to present EFFORTS at 27 November working group meeting, centered on the future Horizon Europe's Cultural Heritage cooperation. EFFORTS will pick this up in its European Funding Professionals Network (EFPN). See also: www.errin.eu



Members can send the secretariat info on calls and events that are of interest to all EFFORTS members, to be published here in the newsletter or, on request, by urgent mail by the secretariat to all or a group of members. This information may become the object of a separate Newsflash. Members of EFFORTS participating in events are kindly invited to share information and send the photos they gather to the secretariat for further dissemination in the EFFORTS Newsletters.

EFFORTSnews

- **EFFORTS collaborates in European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage**

The European Commission asked EFFORTS to share with our members the first-ever **European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage**, presented by the EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport at the Closing conference of the **European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018** in Vienna on December 7.

*“During the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, over 6.2 million people took part in more than 11,700 events organised across 37 countries. The European Commission implemented 10 European Initiatives as the main policy input for the Year, and substantial funding for cultural heritage was made available through different EU programmes. To ensure that the European Year has a lasting impact beyond 2018, the Commission has presented a set of over 60 actions related to the promotion and protection of cultural heritage in the longer term. The Framework for Action re-affirms and puts into practice the principle of mainstreaming of cultural heritage in different EU policy areas, and is the first document to set out an **integrated approach to***

cultural heritage at European level”, says Hughes Becquart, policy officer at the Commission’s DG Culture EYCH2018 unit.

One cluster of actions (cluster n°5) is dedicated to the adaptive re-use of heritage buildings. The Commission is thankful for EFFORTS’ and other association’s contributions to the EYCH initiative "Heritage in Transition", which has made it possible to focus a number of follow-up actions on adaptive re-use.

-You can consult the *draft* Commission / ICOMOS **European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage**, for which EFFORTS, via Tuija Lind, has sent in input, on <https://ec.europa.eu/culture/sites/culture/files/library/documents/staff-working-document-european-agenda-culture-2018.pdf>

-A **2-pages factsheet** with key information on the European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage is available on https://ec.europa.eu/culture/sites/culture/files/library/documents/2018_cult-eych_factsheet_framework_def.pdf

- The report on the **European Commission’s New Agenda of Culture** has been adopted by the European Parliament (EP) on 11 December. See the adopted text of the EP report : <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&language=EN&reference=P8-TA-2018-0499>. **The New Agenda proposes to** harness the power of culture and cultural diversity for social cohesion and wellbeing, by promoting cultural participation, mobility of artists and protection of heritage and to support jobs and growth in the cultural and creative sectors, by promoting arts and culture in education, boosting relevant skills, and encouraging innovation in culture. The EFFORTS Venice Declaration supports this (see above). All info on the Commission proposal : https://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/new-european-agenda-culture_en
- The Europa Nostra introduced **Berlin Call to Action** "Cultural Heritage for the Future of Europe" has reached the symbolic number of more than 2.018 signatures. Europa Nostra and the German Cultural Heritage Committee DNK handed over this special number of signatures to the Chair of the Culture Committee of the European Parliament and to EU Commissioner Tibor Navracsics on the occasion of a conference in Brussels. **EFFORTS has signed it, but have you?** Sign at <http://www.europanostra.org/our-work/campaigns/berlin-call-action/>
- The International Council on Monuments and Sites has been asked recently by UNESCO to look closer into the French bid for **World Heritage List recognition** of the **1944 Invasion Beaches** sites. See the presentation of La Fabrique des Patrimoines on this defence line heritage question at the Atlantikwall Europe Start Event in Raversyde, Belgium on 28 November : https://www.raversyde.be/sites/www.raversyde.be/files/3_SCHMITT_POTIER_conférenceos_tende.pdf

MEETING PLACE BRUSSELS

Are you planning coming to Brussels ? Need an ad-hoc workspace for a few hours or need to make a few copies ? We are happy to receive you @ the EFFORTS office in Brussels at Trierstraat 67 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels (around the corner from the European Parliament). You can make an appointment at rafael.deroo@efforts-europe.eu (EU liaison). Also: if you need help contacting an EU official, service or a Member of the European Parliament or you need info on finding your way around Brussels, contact the same mail address.

EFFORTS AGENDA

- **EFFORTS next Board meeting** in Bergen op Zoom on **23 May 2019** (arrival programme in the evening of **22 May**). More information and agenda to follow.
- **EFFORTS – September 2019: Heritage Days in most parts of Europe. EFFORTS organizes for the SECOND TIME the EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAYS** : participate with your site and promote EFFORTS and EU cooperation. See above for more info.
- **EFFORTS and Committee of the Regions Week of European Regions ‘OPEN DAYS’** : October 2019. EFFORTS is looking into applying to organize a partner event. Do you want to participate? Deadline for applications is 27 March.
- **EFFORTS Annual Congress and Annual General Meeting** : October-November 2019 (venue and subjects to be disclosed soon).
- EFFORTS is member of the **European Heritage Alliance 3.3** - check out the calendar : <http://europeanheritagealliance.eu/events/>
- EFFORTS is a partner of the **International Fortress Council (IFC)** : <http://www.internationalfortresscouncil.org/calendar.html>
- The **UN International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)**: <https://www.icomos.org/en/about-icomos/committees/regional-activities-europe/39374-upcoming-events-save-the-date>

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